

Inside The North Shore Fire Department

Serving the communities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay



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North Shore Fire Department Mission Statement: To provide a range of programs designed to educate and protect the lives and property of all North Shore residents from adverse affects of fires, sudden medical emergencies, or exposure to dangerous conditions created by either man or nature.

Change Your Clock,



Change Your Battery



Is Your Family Safe?

A home fire impacts the life of an American family every 85 seconds. By providing an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape, smoke alarms cut in half your family's risk of dying in a home fire – but only if they work. So, when you turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 6th, also make a life-saving change in your household – change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. This simple habit takes just a moment, but is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

This reminder to Change Your Clock Change Your Battery comes from the North Shore Fire Department.

Please contact the North Shore Fire Department Public Education Office at 414-228-0292 or jglanz@nsfire.org for further information.



Candle Safety

The warm glow of candles can help set a comfortable, relaxing mood, but did you know that a home fire caused by candles is reported in the United States every 34 minutes?

The majority of candle fires result from human error and negligence. Candle fires and the damage they can cause are preventable.

- Avoid using lighted candles.
- If you use candles, place them on sturdy, non-combustible holders.
- Hurricane globes help protect the flame from being exposed.
- Keep candles away from children and pets.
- Extinguish candles after each use.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- Never place burning candles close to drapes or loose fabrics.

Learn what you can do to prevent a tragic candle fire from starting in your home at www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/

The North Shore Fire Department (NSFD) recommends flameless, battery operated candles as the safe alternative to open flame type candles. Flameless, battery operated candles can be found at a many local stores in a variety of sizes and shapes. Please read, and follow, manufacturer instructions when utilizing these candles. A flameless candle, smoke alarm, or carbon monoxide alarm can be a gift of safety!

For questions, or additional, information regarding candle safety, or other fire safety issues, please contact the NSFD Public Education Office at jglanz@nsfire.org or 414-228-0292.

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Turkey Fryers

The North Shore Fire Department and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourage the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil.

These turkey fryers use a substantial quantity of cooking oil at high temperatures, and units currently available for home use pose a significant danger that hot oil will be released at some point during the cooking process. The use of turkey fryers by consumers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property. NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments, such as grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants for the preparation of the dish, or consider a new type of "oil-less" turkey fryer."

- Hot oil may splash or spill at any point during the cooking process, when the fryer is jarred or tipped over, the turkey is placed in the fryer or removed, or the turkey is moved from the fryer to the table. Any contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious injury. Any contact between hot oil and nonmetallic materials could lead to serious damage.
- A major spill of hot oil can occur with fryers designed for outdoor use and using a stand as these units are particularly vulnerable to upset or collapse, followed by a major spill of hot oil. Newer countertop units using a solid base appear to reduce this particular risk. NFPA does not believe that consumer education alone can make the risks of either type of turkey fryer acceptably low because of the large quantities of hot oil involved and the speed and severity of burn likely to occur with contact.
- In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350 degrees Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible, and if it is heated beyond its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite. This is a fire danger separate from the burn danger inherent in the hot oil. Overheating can occur if temperature controls, which are designed to shut off the fryer if the oil overheats, are defective, or if the appliance has no temperature controls.
- Propane-fired turkey fryers are designed for outdoor use, particularly for Thanksgiving, by which time both rain and snow are common in many parts of the country. If rain or snow strikes exposed hot cooking oil, the result can be a splattering of the hot oil or a conversion of the rain or snow to steam, either of which can lead to burns. Use of propane-fired turkey fryers indoors to avoid bad weather is contrary to their design and dangerous in its own right. Also, moving an operating turkey fryer indoors to escape bad weather is extremely risky. Fires have occurred when turkey fryers were used in a garage or barn or under eaves to keep the appliance out of the rain.
- The approximately 5 gallons of oil in these devices introduce an additional level of hazard to deep fryer cooking, as does the size and weight of the turkey, which must be safely lowered into and raised out of the large quantity of hot oil. Many turkeys are purchased frozen, and they may not be fully thawed when cooking begins. As with a rainy day, a defrosting turkey creates the risk of contact between hot cooking oil.
- There is a new outdoor turkey cooking appliance that does not use oil. NFPA believes these should be considered as an alternative. NFPA understands that this appliance will be listed by a recognized testing laboratory.

NFPA continues to believe that turkey fryers that use oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for acceptably safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer. Consumers may find packaging of turkey fryers displaying independent product safety testing labels. NFPA is familiar with the details of these test standards and does not believe that they are sufficiently comprehensive regarding the different ways in which serious harm can occur, and, in some cases, regarding the different parts of the turkey fryer that need to be tested.

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Keep The Wreath Red Program



This holiday season we celebrate the 31st year anniversary of Illinois Fire Chiefs Association's (IFCA) adopted "Keep the Wreath Red" Program.

The "Keep the Wreath Red" program was established in 1954 by Naperville, Illinois Paid-On-Call Firefighter Paul Boecker.

In 1979 "Keep The Wreath Red" became a country-wide program for the Dupage County Fire Chiefs Association before being adopted by the IFCA in 1980, by then president, Chief Paul Boecker.

Annually the "Keep the Wreath Red" Program is endorsed by the IFCA Board of Directors to alert residents of fires caused by holiday decorations. Each year a few more departments participate in this program.

The "Keep the Wreath Red" Program is a visual reminder to citizens to take additional safety precautions during the holiday season to make this a safe and happy holiday season.

In 1996, the North Shore Fire Department joined fire departments around the country in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program.

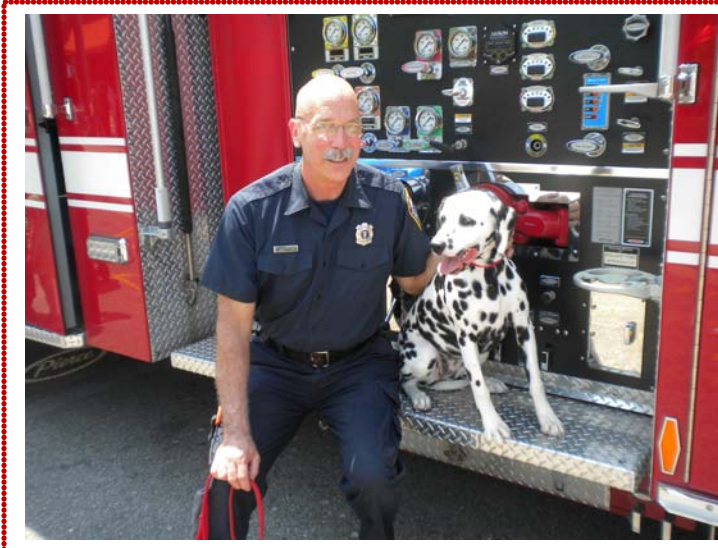
As the holiday season begins, each fire station in the North Shore places in public view a holiday wreath decorated with red bulbs. The wreaths are illuminated constantly. If a fire is directly caused by holiday decorations, one red bulb will be changed to a white bulb.

Please use our wreaths as a reminder to have a Fire Safe Holiday.

Help us to "Keep The Wreaths Red!"

Meet Ember!

After many years of dedicated service, Firefighter/Paramedic Randy Short has retired his Dalmatian dog Ashes from the fire service.



Ashes was well known for playing a part in the Fire Prevention Month first grade safety presentations regarding escape planning, as well as a friendly addition to Bayshore Safety Day.

Ashes is now enjoying a life of leisure at FF Short's home.

However, the show doesn't end there! FF/PM Short has a new addition to his family, Ember! At only eight months of age, Ember (pictured left) enthusiastically joined FF Short for the first time at both the 2011 Bayshore Safety Day event and during his Fire Prevention Month presentations.

Surely you'll soon have an opportunity to meet new addition Ember at a local community event here in the North Shore!

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Create your own home safety check list by answering a few questions at: http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/SafetyGuide/sq_checklistgenerator_w001.asp

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Christmas Tree Safety

A few quick tips will have you on your way to enjoying a safe and beautiful Christmas tree!

1. Consider an artificial tree (they are much safer and cleaner.)
2. If you must use a real tree, it should not lose green needles when you tap it on the ground
3. Make a fresh cut of 1" off the trunk before putting the tree in the stand.
4. Leave the tree in the garage or outside until ready to decorate.
5. The ideal stand should hold at least one (1) gallon of water.
6. A 6' tree will drink up about 1 gallon of water every two (2) days.
7. Mix a commercial preservative with the water.
8. Check the water level every day.
9. Secure the tree with wire to keep it from tipping.
10. Keep tree away from floor heaters, fireplaces, or other heat sources especially electric base board.
11. Use only UL-approved lights, and no more than 3 strands linked together.
12. Use miniature lights - which have cool-burning bulbs.
13. Turn off the Christmas lights when you sleep, or if you leave your home for very long.
14. NEVER use candles, even on artificial trees. Fires related to candles increase four fold during the Christmas season.
15. Clean the tree stand to improve the tree's water intake (use one capful of bleach to a cup of water.)
16. Dispose of the tree properly. NEVER BURN IN THE FIREPLACE OR A WOODBURNING STOVE.



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Copy the United States Fire Administration website link below into your search engine to view movie segments demonstrating how fast a live Christmas tree can become fully engulfed in flames.

http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/citizens/all_citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/treefire.shtm

Resource Websites

Fire Department

www.nsfire.org

National Fire Protection Association

www.nfpa.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.fema.gov

United States Fire Administration

www.usfa.dhs.gov

Wisconsin State Fire Inspector's Association

www.wsfia.org

Safe Kids Worldwide

www.safekids.org

Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety
(Burn Camp)

www.wafs.org

Wisconsin Burn Survivor's Network

www.healtheburn.org

Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors (Burn Survivors)
(Annual World Burn Congress)

www.phoenix-society.org

Home Safety Council

www.homesafetycouncil.org

Centers for Disease Control

www.cdc.gov

Five Stations Serving Seven Communities

Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, Whitefish Bay

Station 1

Administration

4401 W. River Lane
Brown Deer, WI 53223

Station: 414-357-0865

Administration: 414-357-0113

Station 2

Battalion Headquarters

5901 N. Milwaukee
River Pkwy
Glendale, WI 53209

Station: 414-228-5204

Battalion Chiefs: 414-
228-5205

Station 3

3936 N. Murray Ave
Shorewood, WI 53211

414-332-4228

Station 4

825 E. Lexington Blvd
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217

414-963-0515

Station 5

665 E. Brown Deer Rd
Bayside, WI 53217
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